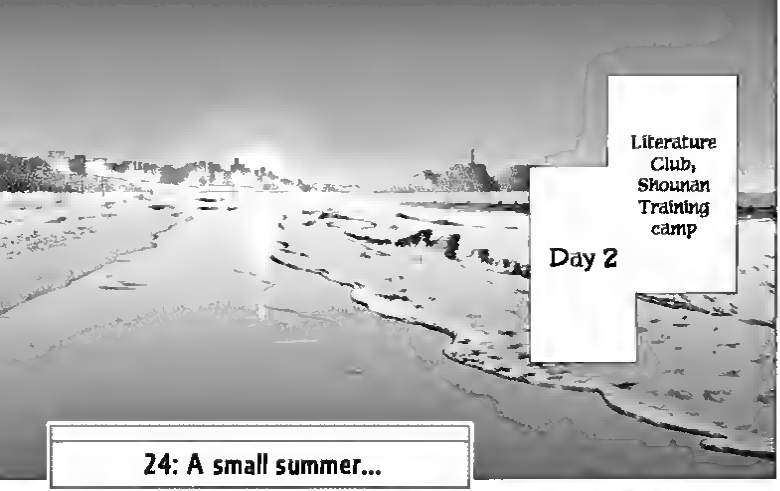

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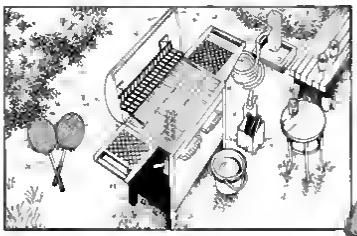
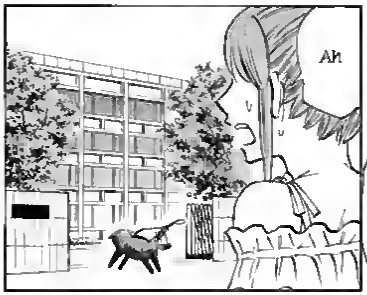
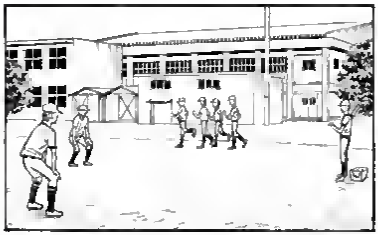



Ah

Fitzgerald!
Wait...

He went into the school
What now, I don't know the place...
I'd be illegally entering...



Don't say that!
It's summer vacation, and it's the early morning
There won't be any teachers around.

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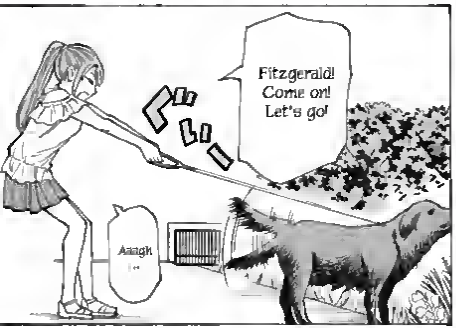
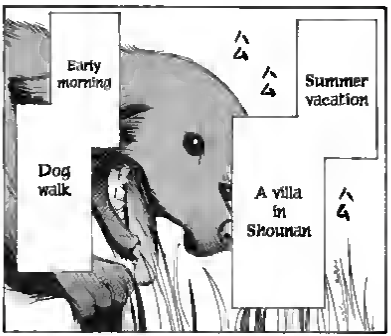
There ...
Pat
Pat

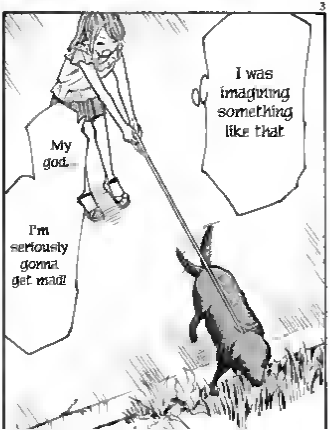

Fitzgerald! Come on! Let's go!
Aaagh...

The baseball club is practicing now
I gotta get out quickly...

Boy meets girl
A small summer love...


Early morning
Dog walk
Summer vacation
A villa in Shounan

I'm aware that I'm a pathetic clumsy girl
But, wow
I can't even walk my dog properly...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I was imagining something like that
My god.
I'm seriously gonna get mad!

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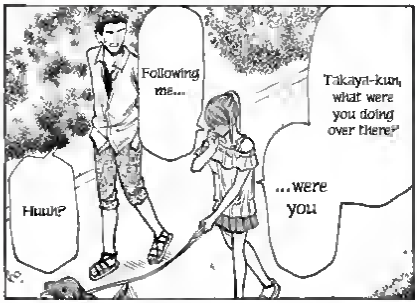
It's going left!
Hey girl! Dodge the ball!
Hey! Fitzgerald!
Bad! Bad!
Moron, where did you hit it?
... wait
Wha-
Death...
Summer vacation
Early morning
Dog walk

...what the hell're you doing
...
Takaya -kun...

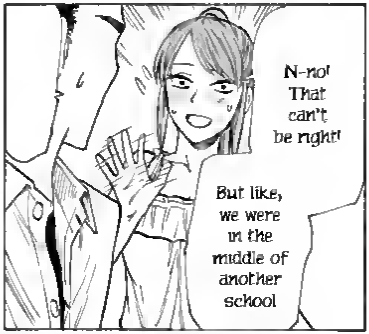
Huh?
I can't. This guy...
Isn't moving
I'm sorry, you guys okay?
Hey. Let's get out before we become a bother
Woof!
Hey doggo!
...
Woof!
Come on, let's go

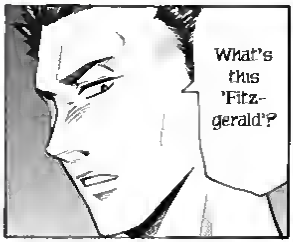
You won't die from pop like that
Thanks Takaya -kun
I thought I was gonna die
No, seriously...


Following me...
Takaya-kun, what were you doing over there?
Huuh?
...were you

He was cool...

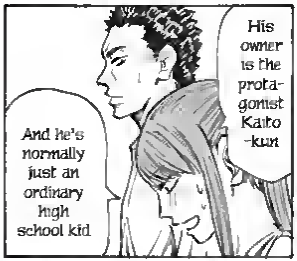
...I like strolling about in places I have no idea about
Ah, I totally get you!

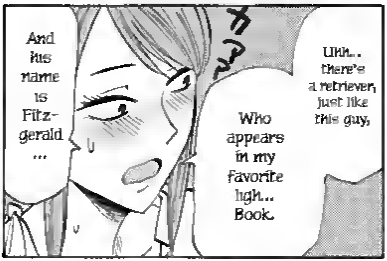

N-no! That can't be right!
But like, we were in the middle of another school

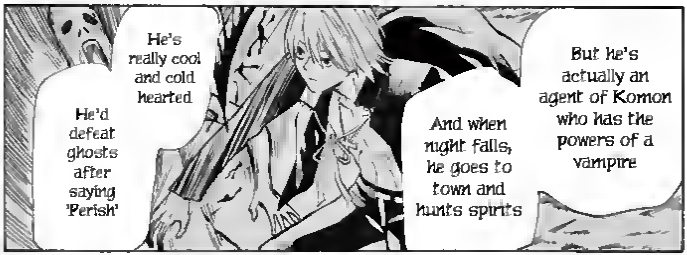

What's this 'Fitz-gerald'?

And I saw you walk into a random school while reciting this weird incantation
Incan-tation?

...you were listening?
His name's doggo, right?
This guy's
The dog of the villa caretaker


His owner is the protagonist Kaito-kun
And he's normally just an ordinary high school kid


And his name is Fitzgerald...
Uhh... there's a retriever, just like this guy,
Who appears in my favorite high... Book.


He'd defeat ghosts after saying 'Perish'
He's really cool and cold hearted
But he's actually an agent of Komon who has the powers of a vampire
And when night falls, he goes to town and hunts spirits

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That's just super cute!
But when he goes back home, he sleeps in his futon with Fitzgerald!

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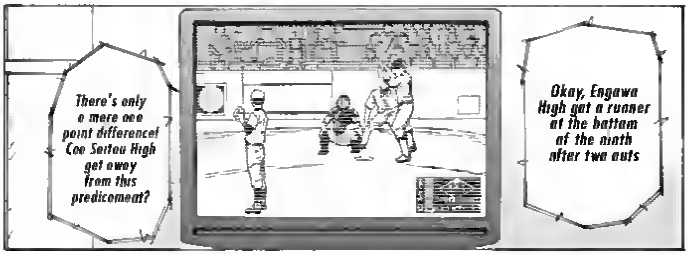
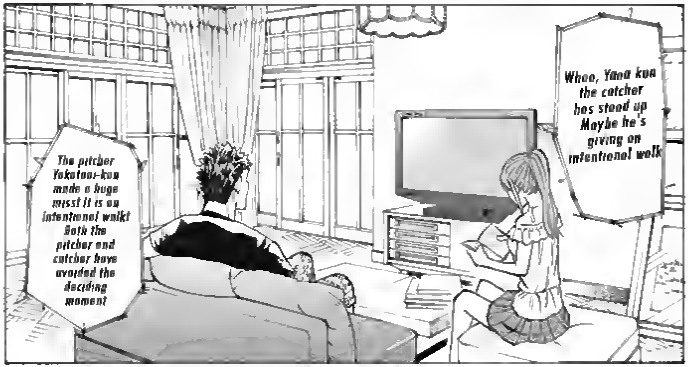

There's only a mere one point difference! Coe Seitou High get away from this predicament?
Okay, Engawa High got a runner at the bottom of the ninth after two outs


Whoa, Yana kun the catcher has stood up Maybe he's giving an intentional walk
The pitcher Yokotou-kun made a huge mess! It is an intentional walk! Both the pitcher and catcher have avoided the deciding moment

Takaya, go buy the fireworks for us

Whoa, Nikaidou-kun swung a strike at the intentional ball!

He's appealing to bring it on! Well...

Damnit
Hm?
Uuuu
Well, the catcher sat down! It's a match! He was roused by the provocation!
Huuh? Why me?
There's a lot
And both Ryouta-kun and Hibiki -chan are at the beach
Me too...

...1,85
Takaya -kun, how tall are you?

I guess it feels kinda nice...
That's what I thought
It's nice to be smaller when I'm next to you
I'm a girl, but I'm 172, so I have a complex about it
Uhhh...
Huuh?
Takaya -kun, are you
Seeing Rika -san...?
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I see...
But you're often together
No, it's not like I couldn't really see it
...we're just buds
That's just simply the case
I- I see
What kinda girl would you like...?
...so by the way Takaya -kun

Don't talk about romance all the time
Have you even looked in a mirror before?
I mean
Just repulsive ...
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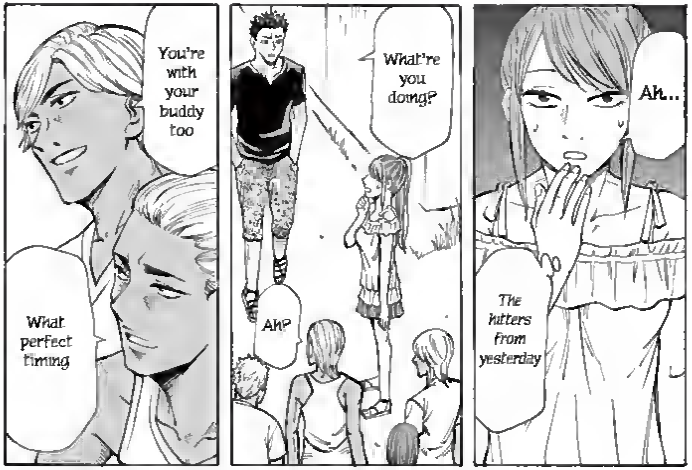
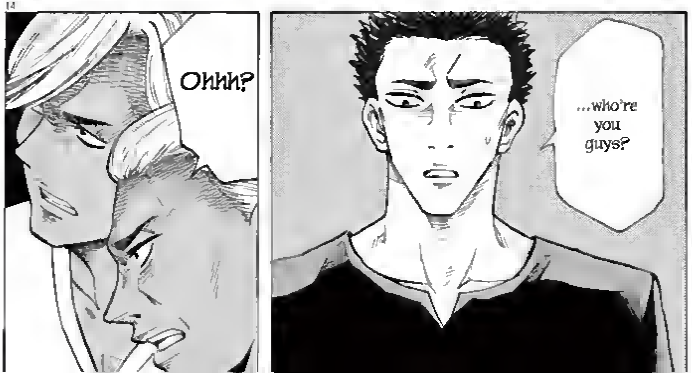
... dummy!
So embarrassed
Mean.
I wanna go away
Kya

What's up lady
...wait
I-I'm sorry

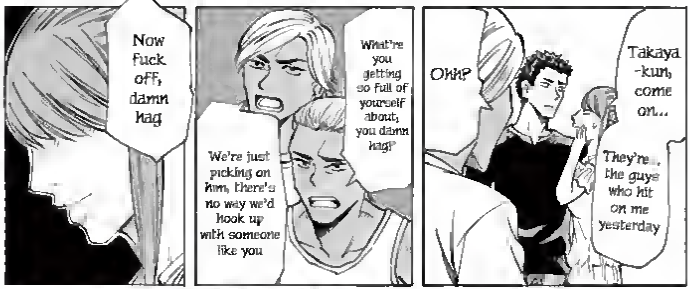
Well if it isn't the girl from yesterday
You're still here, huh


You're with your buddy too
What perfect timing
What're you doing?
Ah?
Ah...
The hitters from yesterday

Now what, it's a 5 vs 1 now, okay?
But if you apologize, we'll listen
We got shamed by you yesterday


Ohhh?
...who're you guys?

No, seriously...
Anyways, get on your knees
Then we'll let you off with a half beating
Must be hard to try and look cool in front of the girls
Did you freak out about the numbers?


Now fuck off, damn hag
We're just picking on him, there's no way we'd hook up with someone like you
What're you getting so full of yourself about, you damn hag!?
Ohh?
Takaya-kun, come on...
They're... the guys who hit on me yesterday

You burn my...

If you want a fight, just tell me from the get-go

Agh
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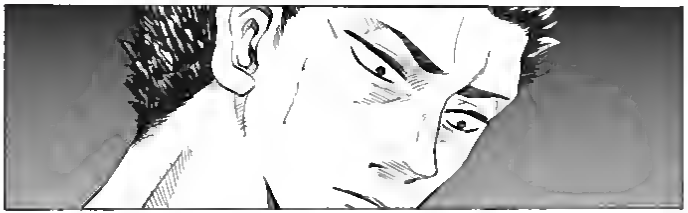
You fucking insane?
It's a 5 on 1

No...
We don't even know what's happening
I mean, hell no...

Now it's a 3 on 1
You guys want in too?

Tch
17
I have looked
In a mirror before
Over and over again...
My face won't ever change
Even if I dye my hair, I put on makeup,
Hag, huh
I guess so

I tried really hard
To try and look a little cuter...

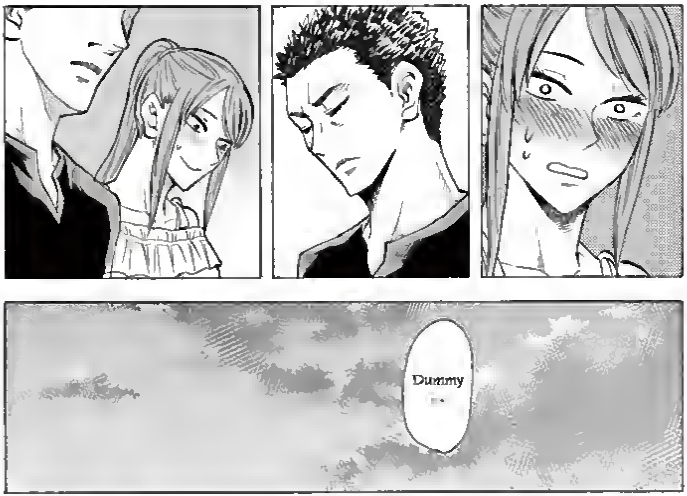


Don't just casually call out to someone like me
You can probably pick better partners
I look like shit
And I got nothing to really talk about with the likes of you
As you see
I'm nothing but a damn hoodlum

I'm just a hag...
Oh?
...it's fine
You don't have to fuss over me

This is why I asked if you looked in a mirror before.

You're cute, Kayoko


Dummy

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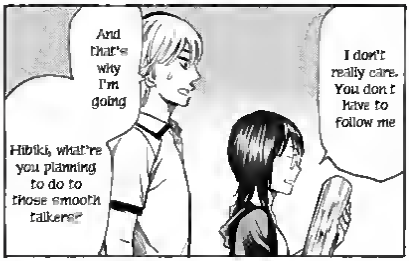
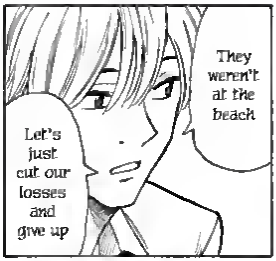

Hibiki, what're you planning to do to those smooth talkers?
And that's why I'm going
I don't really care. You don't have to follow me

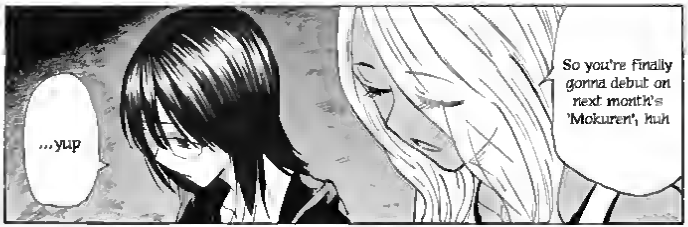

Let's just cut our losses and give up
They weren't at the beach

Hm?
Ah

She's really capable of anything

They're dead
It's the first time someone humiliated me that bad

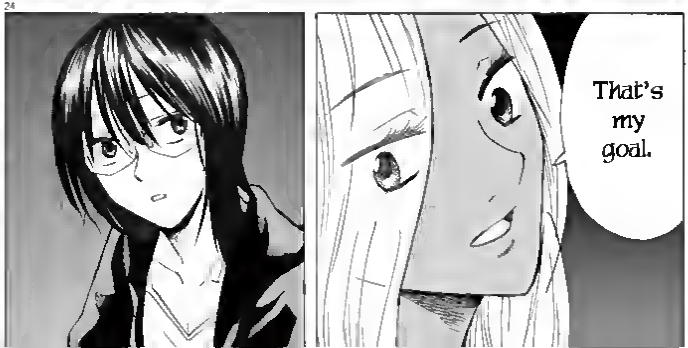
Hit
Hibiki...
You kill...
I-I didn't do anything
Wait, they're alive


So you're finally gonna debut on next month's 'Mokuren', huh
...yup

My volume is out on November
I'm putting some desperate revisions in my manuscript now
Yeah
So Inomata Kouji's 'River of Fire' is doing amazingly now
...yeah?
It's not only the Akutagawa recipient, it's also a best seller

Now well
It's a social phenomenon
It's on TV everyday, and it has special segments in magazines

We should also aim
For the next Akutagawa prize


That's my goal.